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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

It is 1904 now. We wish one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

The New Year was ushered in here by the ringing of bells and the boom of guns and fire-works.

Dr. C. E. Bishop has entirely recovered his health and resumed his lectures at the college.

Rev. H. T. Louthan, has been confined to his bed with grippe.

Mr. W. T. Binns was in Richmond Wednesday.

Misses Alice Tilledge and Louise Dickson will return to Richmond Monday to resume their studies at the Woman's College.

Miss Georgie Bryan, of Norfolk, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Bellamy.

Dr. Leonard Henley continues very sick.

Mr. E. E. Rettig has erected a large hay shed back of his feed store.

Grippe prevails in town and many are sick.

There has been good skating on Jones' mill pond this week.

The Rev. Goodwin, the popular rector of Bruton church, has just received from the publishers of his book, "Brief Historic Notes of Bruton Church." The work is handsomely bound, beautifully illustrated and contains 143 pages.

Sheriff M. K. Harrell has been in Richmond for medical treatment this week.

Mr. Harry Hundley, of Newport News, spent Xmas holidays with his mother here.

Mrs. Granville Gary and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seymour.

Hon. A. J. Barnes, member-elect of the House from this district, was in Richmond this week.

Messrs. D. R. Norment and son of Magruder were in Richmond this week.

Dr. Southall has returned from a visit to his old home in Amelia county.

Miss Nannie Turner, of New Kent county, has been visiting Miss Virginia Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Checkie Williams of Baltimore have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Banks.

Miss Besie Scott entertained delightfully Tuesday evening, with a coon hunt, after which refreshments were served at her country home at Ewell.

The young ladies of Williamsburg have issued invitations to a bal masque for Saturday evening.

Dr. Lagune, of Porto Rico, spent the holidays with Dr. Blair Spencer.

Mr. Robert Hughes, of Norfolk, spent a few days in the city.

William and Mary college reopened Wednesday morning, after a week's holiday, but the attendance was unusually small, most of the students remaining at home until the New Year.

Mrs. Bird and the Misses Bird, of Petersburg, are the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Hugh S. Bird.

Mrs. Luellie Huffman, of Lanexa, is the guest of Mrs. Norvell Henley.

Mr. Henry Bryan leaves today for Eastville, where he has accepted a position on the Herald newspaper.

Mrs. H. D. Cole has returned from Norfolk where she went to be with her sister, Mrs. B. D. Peachy, who is in a hospital for treatment. Mrs. Peachy was successfully operated upon.

The two lamps ordered by the Mayor have arrived and put in place. One is opposite Person's jewelry store. If the lights are satisfactory the town will buy enough of them to light the town.

Mr. John Taylor was in Newport News Wednesday on business.

J. A. Holland has sold a farm of 85 acres to M. S. Passon for \$1,000. The place is located partly in town.

IN OTHER DAYS.

Reminiscences of "Beto De Wah."

"India cotton peti-coat, india cotton gown, Shoes and stockings in her hand, and feet upon the ground."

Such was the ludicrous rymth "befo de wa," indulged in accompanied with a "fidango" dance on reaching the famous dressing trees near the entrance to Williamsburg on the Richmond road. The trees were destroyed by the Yankee troops for wood during the war. They did not hesitate to pull down fine fabrics for the same purpose, as in the case of the fine old City Hotel and many other historic places. The City Hotel stood on the old foundation next lot west of Henley's drug store.

There were four large umbrageous oaks that stood in the center and parallel with the road nearly opposite to Professor Minor's monument in the college grounds. The hucksters would come into town with carts and wagons loaded with eggs, butter, vegetables, cantaloupe, melons, chickens, etc. Many times the women would have a basket on each arm and one on their head, shoes and stockings off and their gown tucked up, the perspiration rolling down their faces and they trudging away with the prospective dollars they would make glistening in their imagination. When the dressing trees were reached they all halted in the deep shade of the trees, brushing their linen, adjusting their toilet generally, and prepared for the "highland fling" to the tune of the famous duet above. These joyful occasions on the part of the colored people, free and slave, were somewhat on the plan of the oriental carnivals or Spanish festivals preparatory to some fête. These invasions of Williamsburg were principally on Saturdays when they would lay in their new supplies anticipating the demands for the Sunday preaching with the big baptizing thrown in. These serving people were happy in their way—but times are changed.

North of these dressing trees and beyond perhaps the west end addition to the town, in Ben Wolfe's field, was a race track and conveniences for cock and dog fights and all the paraphernalia for a regular western "round up." The gentry of the town were patrons of this place and enjoyed themselves to the extent of their elaborate credit until harvest time. There were long reaches of two story buildings made of wood with porches and galleries or two story piazzas, whole length of house, like the old Raleigh Tavern which stood on the site of Lane's brick store. Over the main entrance of the tavern was a fine leaden bust of Sir Walter Raleigh. On New Year's day of each year the front of this building was made famous by hiring and selling negroes under the hammer. The air was vocal with bids and pandemonium never reigned more supreme in the exchange on Wall street.

The race tracks were known to Patrick Henry in the few years previous to his death in 1793, the same year the Virginia Gazette was founded.

A Wonderful Saving.

The large Methodist church in Georgia, calculated to use over one hundred gallons of the usual kind of mixed paint in painting their church.

They used only 32 gallons of the Longman & Martinez Paint mixed with 24 gallons of linseed oil. Actual cost of paint made was less than \$1.20 per gallon.

Saved over eighty (\$80.00) dollars in paint, and got a big donation besides.

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Many houses are well painted with four gallons of L. & M. and three gallons of linseed oil mixed therewith.

Wears and covers like gold.

These Celebrated Paints are sold by L. W. Lane, Williamsburg.

J. W. Clements & Co., Lee Hall.

W. R. Branch, Toano.

Christmas German.

The annual Christmas dance of the Williamsburg German Club was given on Monday evening at Cameron Hall. It was a very delightful event, and was largely attended by the Williamsburg people and visiting friends. Among the dancers were:

Mrs. Maud Booth, of Ithaca, N. Y.; Miss Nannie Turner, of Oranpax, Va.; Misses Keeler, Jarvis and Bennett, of Ithaca, N. Y.; Miss Julia Tyler, Miss Ida Henley, Miss Bessie Scott, Miss Elizabeth Meade, Miss Martha Spencer, Miss Mary Branch Spencer, Miss Susan Gordon Webb, Miss Mary Waller Mercer, Miss Mary H. Spencer, Miss Mary Foster, Miss Lucile Foster, Mr. and Mrs. John B. C. Spencer, Colonel James Christian, Spencer Lane, Dr. Lagune, Dr. Blair Spencer, John Hundley, of Baltimore; Julius Lamb of Toano; Sclater Blackiston, Dr. Judd, Robert Henley, Joseph Meade, Spencer Henley, Littlebury Foster, Dixon Foster, Frank O'Keeffe, Peachy Spencer, Oscar Shewmake, Edward Jones Shelby, of New York, and Dr. Henry Wise.

Mr. Roy L. Casey and Miss Annie Jester were married in Richmond Thursday. Rev. I. S. Boyles, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church here, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Casey will reside in this city.

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DEEDS RECORDED.

The following is a true list of all deeds recorded in the Clerk's Office since the first day of the last term:

J. C. Elkington and wife to A. Widmark, 100 acres of land in Jamestown district, part of tract known as Delks and Camp Holly.

J. E. Berg and wife to C. & O. R. R. Co., strip of land at Vaidens Crossing.

J. B. Jensen and wife to C. & O. R. R. Co., strip of land at Vaidens Crossing.

T. B. Mahone and wife to John L. W. W. Carey, lot on York street.

J. W. Minor to Roselia A. Minor, 189 3/8 acres of land in James City county, part Bush Neck tract.

Sven Anderson and wife to John Hansen, 100 acres of land in James City county, known as Browns, and personal property on same.

H. N. Phillips, cashier, to Sven Anderson, R. D. for 100 acres of land in James City county, known as Browns.

H. N. Phillips, cashier, to J. A. Banks, R. D. for house and lot on Main street.

Wm. F. Reeve, tr., to C. B. Chapman, D. B. S. for 2700 acres of land in James City county, known as Green Spring.

R. M. Smith, Ex., et als, to B. P. Strand, 112 3/4 acres of land in Jamestown district part of tract known as Bassett Hall.

A. M. Overmier to Charity Overmier, 75 acres of land in Jamestown district, part of tract known as Durhams, with the personal property.

L. W. Lane with James Burrill, agreement to sell timber on farm known as Laneville, situated in James City county.

Edward Garrett to John Wallace, 1 lot on College Landing Road.

C. B. Chapman and wife to Romanzo Bunn, 1/2 interest in 2700 acres of land James City county, known as Green Spring.

D. S. Jones and wife to B. S. Scott, D. B. S. for 140 acres of land in Jamestown district.

B. S. Scott and wife to H. O. Seifert, 80 acres of land in Jamestown district.

Bernt Larson and wife to Ida Hauge, et als, 209 1/8 acres of land in Jamestown district, known as the Alex Powell tract.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it doesn't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by L. Henley, druggist.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Nicholson school for the month ending Dec. 11, 1903:

NINTH GRADE.

Grace Beale, Anita and Ida O'Keeffe, George Durley, Cyrus Hankins, Channing Hall.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Dora Armistead, Alice Ware, Charlie Gilliam.

R. E. HENDERSON, Teacher.

FIFTH GRADE.

Mamie Bull, Laura Spencer.

MISS HANKINS, Teacher.

May be Postponed.

The election of a judge for the Williamsburg circuit probably will be postponed until the next session of the legislature, which will convene in January. Senator D. Gardiner Tyler is a candidate for the position and will not be eligible until after the present session, with which his term will expire. The sentiment in favor of postponement is very strong in both houses.

Nightingale-Austin.

At James River Baptist church Wednesday, Dec. 24, Mr. James K. Nightingale and Miss Hilda Austin were married by Rev. W. R. Webb. The church was tastefully and beautifully decorated for the occasion. The marriage was witnessed by many friends of the contracting parties. The bride is one of the most beautiful and accomplished young ladies in her community. The bridegroom is a popular and enterprising young man.

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Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle of common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours. A sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

A Pickle Factory.

The Business Men's Association of this city have been interested by the Heinz Pickling Co., of Pittsburg, in the location here of a salting station. Messrs. Cowan and Taylor representing the Heinz people, met the Association and talked the matter over.

It was decided to ask the farmers in the counties to meet these gentlemen here on the second Monday in January, that being County Court day. The form of contract will be explained to those interested. Contracts are made for from one to three acres with each farmer. Mr. Cowan says his company wants to buy about \$12,000 or \$15,000 worth of cucumbers around here. The crop is an easy one to raise and is a profitable one. A large salting station is to be built here, if enough contracts are secured.

We urge our farmers, large and small, to be present at the meeting.

Charter Granted.

A colored Temperance Industrial Institute has been chartered by the Circuit Court here. The principal officers are to be at Toano, in James City county. The object of the school is to receive pupils of both sexes, board them, teach them in the academic and collegiate branches, and to have power to confer such diplomas and distinctions.

The following are the incorporators: Z. T. Whiting, Chas. S. Boston, J. H. Graneby, Archie Williams, J. A. Coleman and George W. Jones.

It Has Arrived.

That long-looked-for monument for the site of the House of Burgesses has arrived at last. It is in two sections ready for mounting. The monument is a dark gray block of granite. It is so arranged as to allow brass tablets to be attached to it.

The monument is the result of the efforts of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and the Colonial Capital Branch has done a commendable share of that work.

Terrible Catastrophe.

Wednesday afternoon nearly 562 men, women and children perished in the Iriquois theatre, Chicago, by being burned and crushed in the panic that followed the cry of fire.

Christmas Holidays.

Christmas and the holidays passed off quietly, but pleasantly here. There were a number of family reunions.

Notice.

The regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on the capital stock of the Peninsula Bank of Williamsburg, Va., has been declared by the Board of Directors payable on and after January 2, 1904.

H. N. PHILLIPS, Cashier.

Mill Closes Down.

The Williamsburg Knitting Mill has closed down for extensive repairs. An addition will be erected on the west end of the building in which will be installed machinery for spinning the yarn to be used in the plant. The capacity of the mill is to be greatly increased.

Aid and Benefit Society

The Peoples Aid and Benefit Society has been chartered to do business at Croaker, James City county.

The object is to solicit and receive members, to aid in taking care of such members when sick and pay funeral and death benefits. This society is composed of colored people.

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Robbed the Preacher.

Tuesday night, while the Rev. John M. Dawson was attending a Christmas tree service at the First Baptist church, a thief entered his house and stole a quantity of things. There seems to be an organized band of thieves at work here.

Colored Celebration.

Colored people celebrated "Emancipation Day" yesterday with the usual exercises and carriages. The exercises were unusually large. Exercises were held in the First Baptist church.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT APRIL 12, 1903.

LEAVE RICHMOND, MAIN STREET STATION.

10:00 a.m. Local for Norfolk, Hampton, and Charlotte.

1:00 p.m. Seaboard Mail—To Hender-son, Raleigh, Southern Pines, Hamlet, Lenoir, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville and Tampa. Leave Richmond, 12:25 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Drawing-room sleeping car between New York and Jacksonville, connecting at Hamlet with through Pullman cars for Atlanta.

10:00 p.m. Seaboard Express—To Hender-son, Raleigh, Southern Pines, Hamlet, Lenoir, Columbia, Charlotte, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville and Tampa. Leave Richmond, 9:50 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Drawing-room sleeping car between New York and Tampa, and New York and Atlanta.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT RICHMOND, DAILY.

6:35 a.m. From Florida, Atlanta and the Southwest.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT, NOV. 1, 1903.

From Williamsburg.

WESTBOUND.

8:25 a.m. Daily to Richmond. Connects at Richmond with James River Division train daily for Lynchburg, Lexington, Va., and Clifton Forge; also connects at Richmond except Sunday with Local to Clifton Forge, via Charlottesville.

10:47 a.m. Fast train (except Sunday) to Richmond. No stops. Parlor car via Point to Richmond. Connects with through Express, leaving Richmond at 2 P. M. with Pullman for Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis.

6:01 p.m. Daily Fast train to Richmond. Pullman Car. No stops. Connects with P.F.V. leaving Richmond 10:30 P.M. daily with Pullman for Hinton, Cincinnati and Louisville.

6:32 p.m. Daily Local to Richmond. Connects with P.F.V.

EASTBOUND.

9:19 a.m. Local (except Sunday) to Old Point, Norfolk and Portsmouth.

9:56 a.m. Fast train daily, with Parlor Car to Old Point, Norfolk and Portsmouth.

4:56 p.m. Except Sunday. Fast train with Pullman for Old Point, Norfolk, and Portsmouth. No local stops. Connects at Old Point daily with Steamers for Washington and Cape Charles and except Sunday, for Baltimore; and at Norfolk with New York Steamer.

6:32 p.m. Daily Local to Old Point. On Sundays only connection via Newport News for Norfolk and Portsmouth.

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